

The Dawson Springs Progress

VOL. 96, NO. 2 Dawson Springs, Hopkins County, Kentucky 42408, Wednesday, February 11, 2015 Seventy-Five Cents



TIKI ROBINSON, a junior at Dawson Springs High School, was crowned the 2015 homecoming queen by last year's queen Cameron Riley between basketball games Saturday afternoon at Panther gym. At right is last year's king Trace Menser. Steven Bearden was named the 2015 homecoming king.

40 CANS FOR LENT

Donations Will Help Food Bank

Feb. 18 is Ash Wednesday and the start of 2015's Lenten season — the six weeks prior to Easter, commemorated by Christians around the world as a time of concentrated devotion, penance and charity.

The Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council, a Catholic men's charitable group comprised of members from Dawson Springs, Princeton and Eddyville, will sponsor the third annual "40 Cans for Lent" food donation program. Participants are asked to donate one can (or box or bag) of nonperishable food for each of the 40 days of the Lenten season to area food banks.

The Knights invite all Dawson Springs Churches, civic organizations, businesses and residents to make the 40 can commitment.

All food donations made in the Dawson Springs area will go to the Dawson Area Personal Services food bank. The Knights of Columbus national office will award \$100 for each 1,000 pounds of food donated and recorded by the Blessed Trinity Council during the drive, up to a maximum of \$500. All award money will also be donated to DAPS.

Individuals and organizations donating food may phone Jeff Smith at 270-797-0072 to schedule pickup. All donations will make a difference in the lives of local people in need.

SCHOOL WILL PARTICIPATE IN SPRUCE UP CAMPAIGN

Planning Underway For Hike, Mule Days

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce met at noon yesterday at the Darby House.

An Organization Committee report included several events scheduled in the near future or currently in the planning stages.

Hank and Donnie Mills will lead a hike on the Pennyryle Nature Trail March 14. The

hike will begin at 8 a.m. at Tradewater Canoes and Kayaks on Ky. 109.

Plans are under way for the second annual Mule and Draft Horse Days which begin with a wagon train ride April 24 and continue April 25 with entertainment, numerous activities and crafts and food vendors.

Several other community events will take place in the coming months, such as the

Independence Day celebration, the annual Barbecue and Pickin' on Lake Beshear.

Jenny Sewell showed members a picture of a proposed Riverside Park sign which she would like to have in time for Independence Day which will also mark the 100th anniversary of the park.

The Design Committee has submitted a grant application for funds to be used for a build-

ing inventory.

Superintendent Lenny Whalen reported on progress he has made toward plans for the Spruce Up Dawson Springs campaign. Whalen said he and others in the school system have been discussing the best date for students and staff to participate. He expects to have a date in the next few days.

School participation may be divided into two days — clean-

up in the spring and beautification when the weather is warmer. Whalen also plans to develop request and referral forms for needed projects.

Chamber members voted to donate up to \$250 for T-shirts for the Nature Trail hike.

A planning meeting was scheduled for 11 a.m. Feb. 19 at city hall. The next chamber meeting will be held at noon March 10 at the Darby House.

HOPKINS COUNTY IS 99 PERCENT

Some Vaccination Rates Are Below Needed Levels

From Kentucky Health News

As concern about the spread of measles from lack of vaccination grows, many Kentucky counties probably have vaccination rates below the minimum that experts say is needed to create "herd immunity" and prevent spread of the highly contagious disease

among students in kindergarten. At least 14 Kentucky counties, including Webster, had measles vaccination rates below 90 percent in the 2011-12 school year, according to state data analyzed by USA Today, in a survey of states that track vaccination rates and make them public. The Courier-Journal

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COULD FACE PENALTY

Kynect Deadline Feb. 15

From Kentucky Health News

Sunday, Feb. 15, at 11:59 p.m. is the deadline to buy private, subsidized health insurance through kynect, the state-run marketplace created under federal health reform.

If your annual income is above

the federal poverty level and you don't buy a policy or enroll in Medicaid, and don't qualify for one of several narrow exceptions, you will be subject to a tax penalty from the Internal Revenue Service. (You may qualify for Medicaid if your income is less than 138

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DAKOTA FORD, a junior member of the Dawson Springs High School pep band, performs during the Panthers' basketball game Friday, Feb. 6.

Man Faces Charge Of Sexual Abuse

A local resident was arrested Friday by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department.



CONSOLINO

Michael S. Consolino, 32, of 612 E. Walnut St., was charged with first-degree sexual abuse of an 8-year-old.

The sheriff's office received a complaint from the Cabinet for Family and Children in January. Dawson Springs Police Chief Jonathan Sholar and Detective Otis Chamberlain investigated the allegation.

Consolino was arrested Feb. 6 by Chamberlain and Sgt. Lydon Logan at his place of work. He was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

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LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST				
Wed 2/11	Thu 2/12	Fri 2/13	Sat 2/14	Sun 2/15
53/22 Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 53F.	27/18 Windy with plenty of sun.	38/25 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the mid 20s.	27/7 Partly cloudy and windy. Very cold.	27/18 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 20s and lows in the upper teens.

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Private Service Planned For Anthony Plunkette

Private memorial services will be held for Anthony Curtis Plunkette, 59, of Mortons Gap, with Reid-Walters Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Plunkette died Feb. 3, 2015, at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

He was born July 9, 1955, in Hopkins County, to the late Curtis F. and Shelby Jean Moore Plunkette. He was a United States Navy veteran serving in Vietnam.

In addition to his par-

ents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Danny Plunkette.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Plunkette of Mortons Gap; two sons, Mark Anthony Plunkette of Rabbit Ridge and Matthew C. Plunkette of Kentucky; a daughter, Mendy Jo Plunkette of Dawson Springs; three brothers, Timmy Plunkette of Dawson Springs, Tommy Plunkette of Eddyville, and Tabby Plunkette of Paris, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

James Lomax Dies Feb. 1

James Lomax, 56, of Dawson Springs, died Feb. 1, 2015, at his home.

No visitation or service will be held.

Lomax was born Sept. 24, 1958, in Kansas City, Mo., to the late Carl Lomax and Mildred Lewis.

He was of the Christian faith and worked for many years as an auto mechanic.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in

death by a brother, Richard Lomax.

Survivors include four sisters, Linda Lomax of Madisonville, Missy Lomax and Sandy Honeycutt, both of California, and Stacy Pinard of Tennessee; and two brothers, Carl Lomax and Mikey Lomax, both of California.

Online condolences may be sent to beshearfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

Private Service Planned For Carolyn Adams, 69

Carolyn Sue Adams, 69, of Dawson Springs, died Feb. 10, 2015, at her home.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Beshear Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Adams was born April 14, 1945, in Hopkins County, to the late Amplis and Louise Hopper McGregor.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dawson Springs and worked for many years as a clerk at Purdy's Grocery.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jewell Adams; and a brother, Owen McGregor.

Survivors include two sons, Brad Adams of Princeton, and Bret-tany Adams of Dawson Springs; a sister, Mary Hopper of Dawson Springs; a brother, James McGregor of Madisonville; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be sent to beshearfuneralhome.com.

Service Will Be Friday For Deloris Steele, 70

The funeral for Deloris Steele, 70, of Ilesley, will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation will be tomorrow from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Rev. Patrick Yates will officiate. Burial will be in Ilesley Cemetery.

Mrs. Steele died Feb. 9, 2015, at her home.

She was born Sept. 8, 1944, in Hopkins County, to William and Hazel Jennings Boucher.

She was a homemaker and was of the Holiness faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded

in death by a sister, Polly Aimes; and a son, David Wayne Steele.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, James Steele, Ilesley; a daughter, Donna Renea Morgan, Elwood, Ind.; two sons, Kenneth Douglas Steele and Donald Keith Steele, both Dawson Springs; two half sisters, Judy Groves, Princeton, and Linda Belser, Edinburgh, Ind.; a brother, Kenneth Ray Boucher, Edinburgh, Ind.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Additional obituaries are on page A3

Arrangements Are Pending For John Childers, 77

Arrangements are pending at Beshear Funeral Home for John Childers, 77, of Dawson Springs. Childers died Feb. 10, 2015, at his home.

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Jehu Kills Ahab's Family
II Kings 10
Jehu wrote letters to the officials of Jezreel, to the elders and to the guardians of Ahab's seventy sons telling them to choose the best and most worthy of Ahab's sons and set him on his father's throne and then fight for their master's house. The officials were fearful and responded by sending Jehu a message that they would be his servants and would do anything he said. They did not appoint anyone as king. Jehu wrote a second letter telling the officials that if they were on his side and would obey him then they must take the heads of Ahab's sons and meet him in Jezreel. After reading the letter these men took the princes and slaughtered all seventy of them, put their heads in baskets and sent them to Jehu in Jezreel. Jehu had the heads placed in two piles at the entrance of the city gate until morning. The next morning Jehu stood before all the people and proclaimed them innocent. And then told them that not a word the LORD has spoken against the house of Ahab would fail. He told them that the LORD had done what he promised through his servant Elijah. Jehu killed everyone in Jezreel of the house of Ahab, as well as all his chief men, his close friends and his priests, leaving no survivor. At Beth Eked of the Shepherds, Jehu met some relatives of Ahaziah, king of Judah and asked them who they were. When they replied that they were relatives of Ahaziah and had come to greet his family and the queen mother, Jehu ordered them slaughtered.
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City Of Dawson Springs Financial Statement For Year Ending June 30, 2014



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor Jenny Sewell
and Members of the City Council
City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Dawson Springs Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System, which is both a major fund and 78 percent of the assets, 67 percent of net position, and 100 percent of revenues of the business-type activities. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Dawson Springs Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, except for the omission of required supplementary information as described in the next paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky, basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us and the other auditors in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2014, on our consideration of City of Dawson Springs's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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October 30, 2014

CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2014

Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash equivalents	\$ 28,152	
Accounts receivable:		
Customers	134,766	
Landfill fees	20,682	
Utility tax	1,261	
South Hopkins Water District	49,059	
Materials and supplies	22,511	
Prepayments	12,416	
Total Current Assets		\$ 268,847
Noncurrent Assets:		
Restricted Assets:		
Cash equivalents	401,755	
Capital assets, net of depreciation	8,346,173	
Total Noncurrent Assets		8,747,928
Total Assets		9,016,775
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred savings from refunding bonds	51,081	
Total Deferred Outflows	51,081	
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	38,772	
Accrued liabilities	44,443	
Construction accounts payable	65,000	
Debt due within one year	151,916	
Customer deposits	67,468	
Accrued interest payable	27,754	
Total Current Liabilities		395,353
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Debt due after one year	2,605,995	
Total Liabilities		3,001,348
Net Position		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,603,666	
Restricted for:		
Debt service	97,094	
Capital projects	298,279	
Unrestricted	67,469	
Total Net Position		\$ 6,066,508

CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2014

	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
General		

Assets			
Cash equivalents	\$ 227,807	\$ 310,291	\$ 538,098
Investments	154,715	10,243	164,958
Accounts receivable:			
Taxpayer assessed revenues	117,980	7,768	125,748
Grant receivable	12,357	-	12,357
Prepayments	2,120	-	2,120
Due from other funds	40,080		40,080
Total Assets	\$ 555,059	\$ 328,302	\$ 883,361
Liabilities and Fund Balance			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 8,639	\$ 2,700	\$ 11,339
Accrued payroll	14,045	-	14,045
Accrued vacation	16,458	-	16,458
Due to other funds	-	40,080	40,080
Total Liabilities	39,142	42,780	81,922
Fund Balance			
Nonspendable - prepayments	2,120	-	2,120
Restricted - Special revenue funds	-	195,099	195,099
Committed - Special revenue funds	-	76,778	76,778
Assigned - Special revenue funds	-	13,645	13,645
Unassigned	513,797	-	513,797
Total Fund Balances	515,917	285,522	801,439
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 555,059	\$ 328,302	\$ 883,361

CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2014

Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 801,439
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet

Governmental capital assets	\$ 4,994,328	
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,697,219)	2,297,109

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet

Notes payable	(45,521)
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Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$3,053,027
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CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Amounts	
Revenues				
Taxes: Occupational	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 220,376	\$ 20,376
Insurance premiums	260,000	260,000	248,288	(11,712)
Property	135,000	135,000	184,277	49,277
Franchise	60,000	60,000	53,865	(6,135)
In lieu of taxes	18,000	18,000	52,643	34,643
Net Profits	22,000	22,000	17,992	(4,008)
Landfill fees	225,000	225,000	247,330	22,330
Grant Income	1,800	1,800	129,859	128,059
Swimming pool and recreation	27,000	27,000	22,783	(4,217)
Fire department revenues	-	-	12,748	12,748
Police fines and law enforcement fee	8,400	8,400	12,709	4,309
Miscellaneous	650	650	5,890	5,240
Garage fund revenues	-	-	4,200	4,200
Rent	2,400	2,400	2,400	-
Alcohol beverage license	1,700	1,700	2,100	400
Investment income	400	400	1,969	1,569
Total Revenues	962,350	962,350	1,219,429	257,079
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public safety	471,610	471,610	513,058	(41,448)
General government	266,885	266,885	264,680	2,205
Public works	274,900	274,900	257,420	17,480
Recreation	81,855	81,855	127,787	(45,932)
Capital outlay	12,500	12,500	94,963	(82,463)
Debt service	44,650	44,650	25,834	18,816
Total Expenditures	1,152,400	1,152,400	1,283,742	(131,342)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures				
	(190,050)	(190,050)	(64,313)	125,737
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	8,400	8,400	14,500	6,100
Transfers out	(2,500)	(2,500)	(2,314)	186
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	5,900	5,900	12,186	6,286
Net Change in Fund Balance	(184,150)	(184,150)	(52,127)	\$ 132,023
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	568,044	568,044	568,044	
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 383,894	\$ 383,894	\$ 515,917	

CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Operating Revenues		
Water department	\$ 1,005,207	
Sewer department	381,947	
Other	28,221	
Total Operating Revenues		\$ 1,415,375
Operating Expenses		
Water production	692,322	
Depreciation	369,047	
Sewer	233,300	
General and administrative	123,948	
Water distribution	62,667	
Total Operating Expenses		1,481,284
Income (Loss) From Operations		(65,909)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		
Investment income	86	
Interest expense	(86,562)	

Continued on next page

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Joseph E. Drennan, 45, Dawson Springs, was charged Feb. 3 with operating an ATV on the roadway and second-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle) on a Hopkins County warrant.

—Johnny McKinney, 20, Dawson Springs, was charged Feb. 5 with failure to appear on a Hopkins County warrant.

—Christopher D. Hayes, 21, Dawson Springs, was charged Feb. 6 with possession of marijuana and buying/possessing drug paraphernalia.

—Lawrence C. Tossi, 30, Dawson Springs, was charged Feb. 7 with contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order on a Hopkins County warrant.

—Katrina K. Davis, 30, Dawson Springs, was

charged Feb. 7 with possession of marijuana, buying/possessing drug paraphernalia, tampering with physical evidence and endangering the welfare of a minor.

—Zack Ablett, 23, Brookport, Ill., was charged Feb. 8 with non-payment of fines on a McCracken County warrant.

Two Dawson Springs residents were charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office:

—Michael J. Knight, 48, 12800 Nortonville Road, was charged Jan. 30 with five counts of theft by unlawful taking or disposition and two counts of failure to pay on Hopkins County warrants. Knight was also charged on a Muhlenberg County warrant.

—Melissa D. Peyton, 28, 10085 Nortonville Road, was charged Feb. 2 with speeding 15 mph over the limit.



CELEBRATING 100 days of school in Joni Stuessel's kindergarten class at Dawson Springs Elementary School Wednesday, Jan. 28, are (from left) Kate Lynn Harris, Caylee Baize, Lexie Howton, Sophie Johnson, Alyssa Allison, Peyton Sutton. submitted photo

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following food service establishment inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department through Feb. 5.

- YMCA — 100
- Dairy Queen (South Main) — 100
- Wendy's — 99
- Violation for grease buildup on back of grill.
- Hanson Station Coffee

- House — 100
- Pappy's — 98
- Violation for food container touching food product.
- Tommy D's — 100

Applications Available For Trail/Conservation Funds

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 funding cycle for the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Applications for both programs are available to download from the Department for Local Government website.

The Recreational Trails Program is a grant matching reimbursement program for the development and/or maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both motorized and nonmotorized use.

To download an RTP application, go to <https://kydlgweb.ky.gov/FederalGrants/RTP.cfm>. The deadline to submit an application is March 30.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a grant matching reimbursement program for the development and/or maintenance of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, such as campgrounds, sports and playfields, swimming and fishing areas, boating facilities and trails.

Cities, counties, state and federal agencies are eligible to apply.

To download a LWCF application, go to <https://kydlgweb.ky.gov/FederalGrants/LWCF.cfm>. The deadline for submission is April 30.

For information regarding RTP or LWCF applications, contact Jodi Williams with DLG at Jodie.Williams@ky.gov or 502-573-2382.

25 Kentucky Radio Shack Stores Closing

From Kentucky Press News Service

As part of its Chapter 11 bankruptcy, Radio Shack plans to close about half of its roughly 4,000 retail locations nationwide. Twenty-five Radio Shack stores in Kentucky will shut down, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Included on the shut-down list are: three locations in Northern Kentucky, five in Louisville, two in Lexington, two in Ashland, one each in Nicholasville, Paris, Winchester, Danville, Elizabethtown, Morehead, Hazard, Madisonville, Hopkinsville, Princeton, Bowling Green, Paducah and Mayfield.

Some locations that will remain open will operate as Sprint cell phone stores. Details are still being worked out in court, the WSJ reported on its website.

The restructuring does not include franchise stores.

KET Lists Announces Upcoming Program

The third season of Kentucky Collectibles continues from the Frazier history Museum in Louisville as appraisers examine the history and value of a pair of 19th century powder horns and an Italian manicuring set worth thousands of dollars. Kentucky Collectibles can be seen at 3:30 p.m. Saturday on KET.

Service Held Monday For Mary Williams, 78

Graveside services for Mary Isabelle Williams, 78, of Nortonville, were held Monday at New Salem Cemetery in Nortonville.

The Rev. Steve Rutherford officiated. Reid-Walters Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Williams died Feb. 6, 2015.

She was born Nov. 22, 1936, in Todd County.

She was a homemaker and a member of New Salem Baptist Church.

Ms. Williams was preceded in death by her mother, Myrtle Sigers

Pryor; her stepfather, William Pryor; two daughters, Eddie Renae Ferrell and Rhonda Kaye Skimehorn; and two brothers, Rance Walker and Donnie Walker.

Survivors include three sons, Derek Ferrell of Nashville, Tenn., Robert Ferrell of Paris, Tenn., and Clifford Ferrell of Nebraska; two sisters, Billie Babbs of Earlinton, and Jenna Walker of Henderson; three brothers, Lawrence Walker, Ray Gene Walker and Benny Pryor all of Nortonville; and three great-grandchildren.

Ishamel Hibbs 100, Dies No Service Is Planned

Ishmael Hibbs, 100, of Sikeston, Mo., died Feb. 8, 2015, at Hunter Acres Caring Center in Sikeston.

He was born Feb. 17, 1914.

Hibbs was a farmer and was of the Christian faith. He served his country in the United States

Army during World War II and was the recipient of several Purple Heart awards.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include a grandson.

Online condolences may be sent to beshearfuneralhome.com.

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NOTICE

The annual meeting with members of Rosedale Cemetery in a joint meeting with City Council at the Municipal Building Monday, Feb. 16, 2015 at 7 p.m.

<u>Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>					<u>\$ 3,053,027</u>		
<u>CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY</u>							
<u>STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES</u>							
<u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014</u>							
Functions/ Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities							
General government	\$ 787,785	\$ 2,400	\$ 521,238	\$ 106,105	\$ (158,042)	\$ -	\$ (158,042)
Public safety	602,026	25,452	-	8,250	(568,324)	-	(568,324)
Public works	360,831	251,530	64,992	-	(44,309)	-	(44,309)
Recreation	176,451	22,783	-	-	(153,668)	-	(153,668)
Total governmental activities	1,927,093	302,165	586,230	114,355	(924,343)	-	(924,343)
Business-type activities							
Water and sewer services	1,570,252	1,415,375	-	950	-	(153,927)	(153,927)
Total business-type activities	1,570,252	1,415,375	-	950	-	(153,927)	(153,927)
Total	<u>\$ 3,497,345</u>	<u>\$ 1,717,540</u>	<u>\$ 586,230</u>	<u>\$ 115,305</u>	<u>(924,343)</u>	<u>(153,927)</u>	<u>(1,078,270)</u>
<u>General Revenues and Transfers</u>							
Taxes							
Insurance premium					248,288	-	248,288
Occupational					238,368	-	238,368
Property					236,920	-	236,920
Franchise and other					53,865	-	53,865
Alcoholic beverage tax					42,090	-	42,090
Miscellaneous					5,894	-	5,894
ABC License					2,100	-	2,100
Investment income					2,049	86	2,135
Total General Revenues and Transfers					829,574	86	581,372
Change in Net Position					(94,769)	(153,841)	(496,898)
Net Position at Beginning of Year (as restated)					3,147,796	6,220,349	9,368,145
Net Position at End of Year					\$ 3,053,027	\$ 6,066,508	\$ 8,871,247

Driver Injures Trooper In Auto Escape Attempt

The Kentucky State Police arrested a Madisonville man after he fled from a traffic safety checkpoint Saturday.

According to KSP, troopers Eric Browning, Cody Kromer and Jonathan Ward were conducting a traffic safety checkpoint at Ky. 813 and Flat Creek Road at approximately 8:23 p.m.

The driver of a vehicle which came through the checkpoint was instructed to exit the vehicle for a roadside interview. A passenger, identified as Owen W. Gamblin, 39, of Madisonville, was also instructed by Ward to exit the vehicle. Gamblin ignored the instructions and moved toward the driver's seat. He gained control of the vehicle and fled from the scene.

Ward became lodged in the vehicle and was dragged a short distance. A brief pursuit ensued before Gamblin lost control of the vehicle and struck a utility pole guide wire at Ky. 813 and

Ky. 1215. Gamblin was removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest.

Ward was transported by ambulance to Baptist Health Madisonville where he was treated and released.

Gamblin was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center, charged with the following offenses: speeding 26 mph or more over the limit, DUI first offense (aggravating circumstances), three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment (police officers), first-degree fleeing/evading police (motor vehicle), resisting arrest, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft by unlawful taking over \$10,000 (motor vehicle), first-degree criminal mischief and first-degree assault (police officer).

Sgt. Brian Duvall, the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department and Medical Center Ambulance Service assisted at the scene.



CELEBRATING 100 days of school in Holly Peters' kindergarten class at Dawson Springs Elementary School Wednesday, Jan. 28, are (from left) Kiaira Sellers, Jenna Fairchild, and Mazie Cotto.

submitted photo

New Grant Program Aimed At Colon Cancer Screening

A local nonprofit is launching a new grant program aimed at getting people screened for the No. 2 cancer killer among men and women.

The Colon Cancer Prevention Project, which is based in Louisville, announced that it will offer grants of up to \$10,000 to programs that motivate people to get screened for colon cancer. Timely screenings can allow for polyps to be detected and removed before they turn into cancer.

The program, called Project Innovation, is aimed at igniting grassroots awareness in the areas of Kentucky and Southern Indiana that need it most.

"We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity and hope it encourages people to take action in their communities and educate their neighbors about colon cancer screening," said Andrea Shepherd, executive director for the Colon Cancer Prevention Project.

Kentucky is one of the worst states in the country for colon cancer in-

cidence rates, with 2,600 people being diagnosed each year and nearly 800 dying from the disease.

The Colon Cancer Prevention Project has a mission to end preventable colon cancer death and suffering by increasing screening rates. Its work includes education, advocacy, health systems improvement and survivor support.

The project serves the entire state of Kentucky and the Southern Indiana area and is a partner in the national initiative to increase screening rates to 80 percent by 2018. Kentucky's screening rate is currently 66 percent, below the national average of 68 percent.

Project Innovation is open to anyone who is interested in raising awareness about colon cancer in Kentucky or Southern Indiana. A grant application is available on ColonCancerPreventionProject.org (under How I Can Help). Applications will be accepted through May 15.

More information is available at ColonCancerPreventionProject.org.

KSP/Calipari Foundation Begin Motorcycle Raffle

The Kentucky State Police, in partnership with Man O' War Harley-Davidson® and the Calipari Foundation is raising money for two causes.

With the purchase of a \$10 ticket, fans will be entered into a raffle to win the ultimate University of Kentucky basketball motorcycle signed by Coach John Calipari. The one-of-a-kind bike created by Man O' War Harley-Davidson® in Lexington, features custom wheels and a custom paint job, V/H Big Shot true dual exhaust with fish tail end caps, extended saddle bags, custom mirrors and handle bars, and is loaded with chrome and a blue LED light kit.

The raffle will take place April 9 at the Man O' War Harley-Davidson® location and will benefit both The Calipari Foundation and The Trooper Project, with proceeds being split equally between the two charities.

Harley-Davidson has invested ap-

proximately \$50,000 into the bike which could be worth \$200,000 according to collectors.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at Man O' War Harley-Davidson®, every KSP post and headquarters, KSP driver testing branches in Lexington and Louisville and at the Lexington Center by the escalators in the food court before every home UK men's basketball game. Tickets are also available online at CoachCalBike.com.

The Trooper Project is a fundraising effort to build a memorial to fallen troopers and officers as a permanent tribute to the troopers of the KSP who serve Kentucky citizens every day.

Organized in 2012, The Calipari Foundation benefits several charitable activities in Kentucky. The foundation also hopes to raise awareness regarding philanthropy, encouraging members of Kentucky communities, specifically the basketball community, to support worthy causes.



STUDENTS in Holly Peters' kindergarten class celebrating 100 days of school Wednesday, Jan. 28, are (from left) Micah Jones, Jackson Petit, and Brenna Nash.

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CELEBRATING 100 days of school, these students in Holly Peters' kindergarten class Wednesday, Jan. 28, are (from left) Cera Knapp, Rayliee Hall, and Allyson Kovach.

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OPINION

ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

We don't have to like all the facts

In our family, among our friends, with our acquaintances, we are always hearing of someone else who has been diagnosed with cancer. Many times we think the prevalence of cancer is greater in and around Dawson Springs for one reason or another. Maybe the air, maybe the water and even maybe our lifestyles. Perhaps all the above and perhaps none of the above.

The fact of the matter is many people will develop cancer in their lifetime. That's not a pleasant thing to have on your mind. We shouldn't pass through this life full of worry that we may indeed be one of those who hear that dreaded word from our doctor.

According to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org if you are a male, the risk of developing cancer at sometime your lifetime is 43.31 percent. That equates to almost nine in 20 of us.

For females the risk of developing cancer is not quite as great at 37.81 percent. That's just more than seven in 20 of you ladies.

If you want to know the morbid details, which are also listed, the risk of dying from cancer for males is 22.83 percent which is between one in four and one in five. The risk for females is slightly better at 19.26 percent or about one in five.

The website says "these numbers are average risks for the overall U.S. population. Your risk may be higher or lower than these numbers, depending on your particular risk factors."

Some of those risk factors include smoking, being obese, and drinking too much alcohol, among other things.

The numbers break down into specific cancers. The highest risk cancer for men is prostate at 15.02 percent or one in about seven. For women the cancer they are most at risk for is breast at 12.33 percent or one in eight.

After prostate, the cancers men are most likely to develop are lung and bronchus; colon and rectum; and bladder.

After breast cancer, women are most likely to develop lung and bronchus; colon and rectum; and then uterine corpus.

The chart is located at www.cancer.org/cancerbasics then click on the link titled "Lifetime Probability of Developing or Dying From Cancer."

After that bit of bad news, there is some good news — and that's the fact we don't live in Boston where that area has had somewhere around 60 inches of snow — just in the past few weeks!

It will be cold here this weekend but the forecast is not calling for any snow nor ice, at least until Tuesday, only very cold temperatures.

But, the long-range forecasts are calling for temperatures to reach into the 60s again — by April. Blame it on the dang rodent that saw his shadow.

Finally, the best news of all — something to hopefully make us laugh...

— A convict managed to escape from prison and his escape was the lead item of the 6 o'clock news.

So not to be captured, he ran through fields and traveled through back roads until he reached his wife's house.

When he reached the house, he rang the bell. His wife opened the door and screamed, "You lousy bum! Where have you been? You escaped more than six hours ago!"

— A minister was planning a wedding at the close of the Sunday morning service.

After the benediction he had planned to call the couple down to be married in a brief ceremony before the congregation.

For the life of him, he couldn't think of the names of those who were to be married.

"Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?" he requested.

Immediately, nine single ladies, three widows, four widowers and six single men stepped to the front.

— An elderly man was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

The man replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

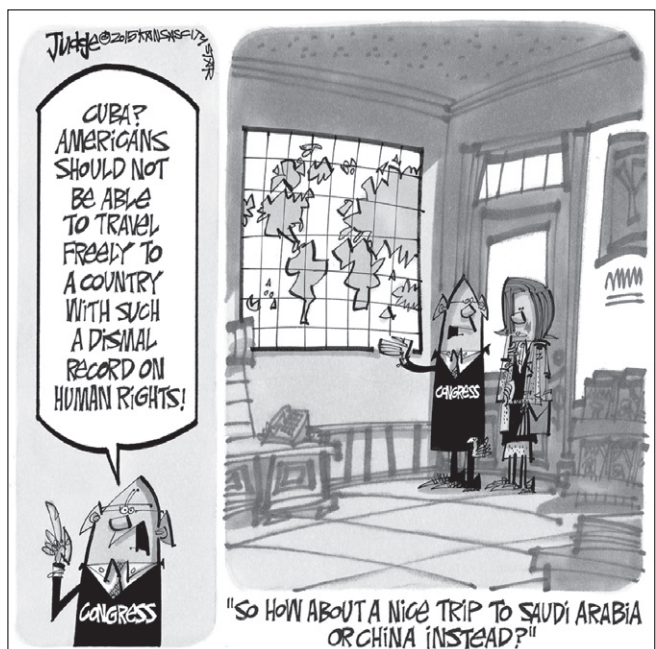
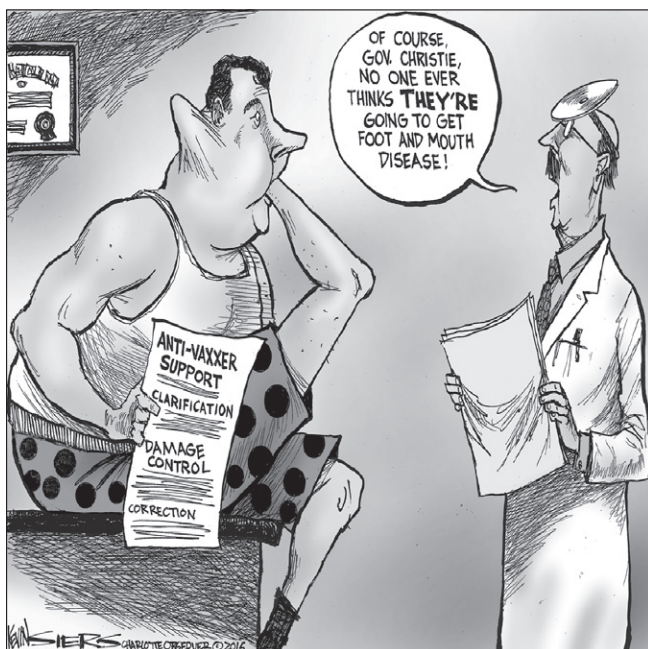
The man replied, "That would be my wife."

We aren't sure if hearing one of these would be good news or not. It would depend on your perspective...

- The parachute company says you'll get a full refund.
- They say the house didn't float very far at all.
- The "National Enquirer" just loved those picture of you at work.
- Jerry Springer wants to surprise you on his show.
- The reward for your capture has reached \$50,000.
- The insurance pays the full book value (\$312) for your 1956 T-Bird.
- The thieves left the push lawn mower and hedge trimmers.
- Those grand juries always over-react. Don't worry about it.
- The boss said while you're sick, he'd do all your work personally.

Contact your legislators... In Frankfort...

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- **SEN. C.B. Embry Jr.**, P.O. Box 1215, Morgantown, KY 42261; 270-526-6237 (office); 270-791-1879 (home)



Commentary...

Polls can be very misleading

By Jim Waters

Those attending legislative meetings this year in Frankfort may wonder if this legislative session's motto is: "In God We Trust."

Signs with that declaration now hang in meeting rooms throughout the capitol. However, Senate President Robert Stivers is quick to note they are paid for with private donations not taxpayer dollars.

I'm considering raising funds for signs that contain what should be the motto for the 2015 session of the Kentucky General Assembly, as stated by then-candidate Ronald Reagan in his Oct. 28, 1980, campaign debate with President Jimmy Carter.

After Carter finished droning on about the perceived virtues of "national health insurance" while accusing Reagan of "campaigning around the nation against Medicare," the Gipper who understood that brevity is the soul of wit and the stuff of winning political campaigns simply looked at him with that trademark smile, quipping: "There you go again."

While issues are different, history is repeating itself here in Kentucky.

There proponents of government-imposed smoking bans go once again using credibility challenged polls to gin up the perception that, as Louisville's WFPL reporter Rae Hodge claims, "there is a growing popularity among Kentuckians" and that the "prospects are looking better than ever" for a statewide ban imposed by Frankfort.

One wonders: If the polling would have suggested a strong opposition to smoking bans, would reporters be as equally giddy in reporting, say, that "prospects look

better than ever that the private-property rights of businesses, liberties of individuals and sovereignty of communities will be protected, after all?"

Hodge's story contained 552 words favoring bans —including quotes from four different smoking-ban proponents and only 40 words reporting on the opposition without a single quote.

Is that reporting you can trust?

"Republicans have traditionally chafed at the notion of a state mandate on private businesses," she wrote in a token nod to opponents.

Oh, the horror of it all — that there might actually be Republicans who "chafe" at the thought that mighty Frankfort would prohibit them from allowing legal activities on properties they purchase, invest in and privately own. I wonder: If the polling numbers were different, would the story have read: "Democrats have traditionally chafed at the notion of protecting rights of local communities to pass — and then overturn — smoking bans as several local governments have done?"

Another "there you go again" moment comes from polling that fails to differentiate between smoking bans on public and private properties.

In a column about this time a year ago, I addressed the importance of understanding what the poll question is — a relevant issue since smoking-ban proponents release these polls on an annual basis.

Most respondents to a poll about



JIM WATERS

speeding, for example, would answer "yes" to: "Do you believe it's legal to drive 55 mph?" Most would disagree, though, if you asked: "Do you believe it's legal to drive 55 mph near a school or in a work zone?"

Most Kentuckians agree on banning smoking in publicly owned places. But proponents know that most don't favor a government-imposed ban on privately

owned property. So their irresponsible strategy, which makes their conclusions shaky at best: deny poll-takers the option of choosing that answer.

In that 1980 debate, Carter accused Reagan of "campaigning against Medicare" when, in fact, Reagan has simply favored a different policy that still provided coverage for seniors, but with a better approach.

Proponents of government-dictated smoking bans claim that opponents of such policies don't care about the health and well-being of their fellow Kentuckians —an assertion that's nearly as misleading as their polling.

Rather, it's just that opponents of more and bigger state government believe there's a better path that allows individuals and local communities to address the smoking-ban issue.

It would be good to go "there" again.

Jim Waters is president of the Bluegrass Institute, Kentucky's free-market think tank. Reach him at jwaters@freedomkentucky.com

Other editors

More caution is needed for public statements

If he hopes to be regarded as presidential timber, Kentucky's Rand Paul should rack up some bipartisan accomplishments in the Senate, while taking a break from grandstanding on camera.

In a dizzying span of a few days, Paul went from looking like a serious reformer and consensus builder — as he and Democratic Rep. Keith Ellison, co-chairman of the House Progressive Caucus, teamed up to push much-needed curbs on civil forfeiture abuses — to looking like a doofus.

Some of what Paul said — "vaccines are one of the greatest medical breakthroughs" — in his now notorious CNBC interview was reasonable.

His complete reply would have been ragingly moderate in the paranoid political circles in which he hung before election to the Senate or at a gathering of the science-denying, anti-government Association of American Physicians and Surgeons of which he is a long-time member.

But Paul is in the exploratory stages of a presidential campaign; the country is in the midst of a measles outbreak brought on, at least in part, by parents afraid to have their children immunized because of debunked claims of a link between childhood vaccines and autism.

In that context, Paul deserves all the rebukes he's gotten, including from fellow Republicans, for saying: "I have heard of many tragic cases of walking, talking normal children who wound up with profound mental disorders after vaccines."

The fact that he's a physician compounds the offense.

Also, he said, "the state doesn't own your children. Parents own the children and it is an issue of freedom and public health." Last we checked owning humans has been outlawed for a while.

Paul quickly backed off, insisting he never said vaccines caused disorders just that they were "temporally related." He should have apologized for irresponsibly misleading the public.

Leading this country demands self-discipline and prudence. Every public word the president utters, every facial expression, are analyzed around the world. Anyone testing the presidential waters invites extra scrutiny.

Paul also risks undermining his credibility on issues on which he's right, such as the abusive sei-

zure of cars, cash and real estate by local and state authorities without warrants or criminal charges. Paul is part of a bipartisan coalition that's sponsoring reform of asset forfeitures which have spiraled out of control.

He runs the same risk of losing credibility on his outreach to the black community and black members of Congress on criminal sentencing, police brutality and voting rights — genuine injustices to which his party has been willfully blind.

Besides honing the universally desirable habit of thinking before he speaks, Paul could learn a lot about governing by working with others to move legislation.

Even if it doesn't get him to the White House, he could do some good for Kentucky and the country.

—Lexington Herald-Leader

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005.)

More than 350 students at Dawson Springs Elementary School visited and spent money at the Tsunami Relief Fund “yard and bake sale” the fourth grade classes held Friday, Feb. 4. More than \$400 was raised.

TrLisa Davis celebrated her 12th birthday with a party Feb. 5 at the Roller Dome in Hopkinsville.

The Dawson Springs Middle School academic team was the runner-up in the Governor’s Cup District Competition Jan. 29, in Madisonville.

The funeral for Dennis Peyton, 91, was held Saturday afternoon, Feb. 5 at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

The funeral for Carl J. Orten Jr., 73, was held Wednesday morning, Feb. 9 at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Meeks Cemetery in Caldwell County.

The funeral for Reeta Aleene Hopkins, 89, is being held this afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial is in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

The funeral for Efra Jennings Goodaker, 94, will be held today at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial is in Rosedale Cemetery.

The funeral for Doris Ruth Dockery, 79, was held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

The funeral for Alma Louise Melton, 63, was held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

25 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Feb. 8, 1990.)

Last rites for Robert Devers Parker, 88, were held Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 6, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Max Grove Cemetery on the family farm in Christian County.

Panther basketball player Brad Howton was named to the all-tournament and all-academic teams and Panther cheerleader Kim Carroll was named to the all-academic cheerleading squad at the All “A” Classic Regional tournament.

Jack and Martha Brown were chosen from thousands of entries to appear in a nationwide television commercial for Folger’s Crystals instant coffee.

50 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Feb. 11, 1965.)

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Rosa Lee Calvert, 80, Saturday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in McNeely Cemetery.

Last rites were conducted for James M. Cotton, 86, Sunday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Union Temple Cemetery.

Miss Paulette Carter was crowned basketball queen for the 1964-65 season.

Funeral services were held for William Jesse Younger, 65, Tuesday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

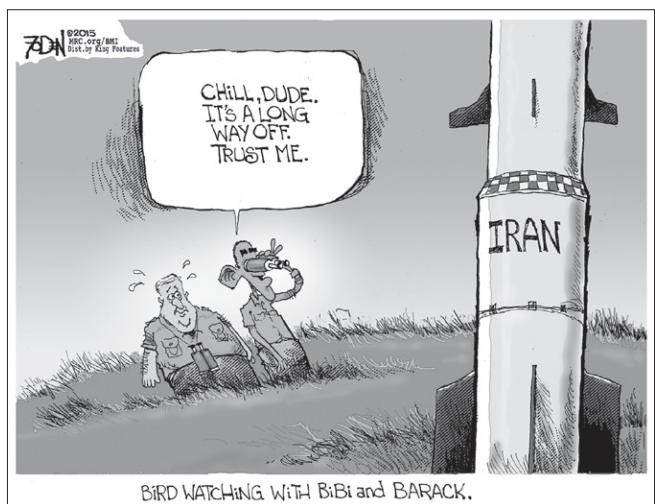
Moment in time...

- On Feb. 11, 1805, Sacagawea, the Shoshone Indian interpreter and guide to the Lewis and Clark expedition, gives birth to her first child, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, two months before the trek begins. The baby, nicknamed Pompey, went on the expedition, carried on his mother’s back. Clark paid for Pompey’s education when the boy grew up.

- On Feb. 15, 1903, toy-store owner and inventor Morris Michtom places two stuffed bears in his shop window in Brooklyn, advertising them as Teddy bears. Michtom had earlier petitioned President Theodore Roosevelt for permission to use his nickname, Teddy. The president agreed.

- On Feb. 13, 1991, Sotheby’s announces the discovery of a long-lost manuscript of “Huckleberry Finn” by Mark Twain. The manuscript was the first half of Twain’s original version, heavily corrected in his handwriting, which had been missing for more than a century.

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Other editors

Official dropout age is now 18 statewide

Public education in Kentucky hit a significant milestone recently with the announcement that all of the state’s 173 school districts have approved raising the dropout age from 16 to 18. Most school districts — including Christian, Todd and Trigg counties — will implement the new graduation policy in the 2015-16 school year. Caldwell County is among the last six districts that will implement the change in 2017-18.

This good news comes on the heels of another recent announcement: In 2012-13, Kentucky’s high school graduation rate was 86 percent, the fourth highest in the country, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

“The time when a student could drop out of high school and find a dependable, good-paying job is long gone,” Beshear said. “It only makes sense that if we want students to be successful after graduation from high school, they need to stay in school long enough to gain the skills and knowledge they will need for college, career and to become a productive resident of our state.”

Beshear also noted that economists have estimated Kentucky’s economy would have benefitted from an additional \$4.2 billion in wages if the students who dropped out of school in 2009 had stayed through graduation. That amount is for the wages of the students through their lifetimes.

That point drives home an important fact about keeping students in school until they earn a high school diploma. It’s not just the students who ben-

efit — although that is an important consideration for those individuals. The communities where the students live, or will live if they stay in Kentucky, reap huge economic and quality-of-life benefits when dropout rates are low.

The General Assembly approved legislation in 2013 that gave local districts the authority to raise the dropout age from 16 to 18. Among the chief supporters of the legislation was Jane Beshear, the governor’s wife. Appropriately, he praised her work at a news conference Thursday to announce that every district will have raised the graduation age by 2017-18.

Now the hard work begins for teachers and administrators in the trenches. Although new programs are already up and running, districts will have to work harder to teach students who might otherwise drop out. Just because it is mandatory for students to stay in high school until they are 18 years old does not mean some won’t continue to struggle academically. Many will — especially in traditional classroom settings. Schools must find ways to reach these students.

Lawmakers should remember this: Passing the law that raised the graduation age was only part of the solution. The General Assembly, the governor and the state Department of Education must back local districts. That includes setting high achievement goals and providing adequate funding.

—Kentucky New Era

Other editors

Answers have been evasive

No one likes a mealy-mouth, particularly when it comes to a straightforward issue. Take the recent White House statement on measles vaccinations.

Asked whether parents should vaccinate their children against measles, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said, “I’m not going to stand up here and dispense medical advice. But I am going to suggest that the president’s view is that people should evaluate this for themselves, with a bias toward good science and toward the advice of our public health professionals, who are trained to offer us exactly this kind of advice.”

Real leadership, that. Decide for yourselves, with a “bias” toward good science? How about this alternative: “The president thinks science proves the measles vaccine is safe and effective and he thinks parents should protect their children by vaccinating them”?

The latter statement would at least show leadership, along with a modicum of political courage that wasn’t so rare a generation ago. But the game in Washington these days apparently is to not let yourself be pinned down on anything - even something this basic.

(To his credit, the president did come out with a stronger statement favoring vaccination on Monday, amid criticism of the earlier position).

Measles is in the news these days because the nation is experiencing what is so far the second-largest outbreak of the disease in 15 years. About 100 cases had been reported in the U.S. as of last weekend, with most linked to initial exposures at Disneyland in California.

Measles, mumps and rubella had been almost entirely eradicated in the Western Hemisphere prior

to the 1990s thanks to the development in 1979 of the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine. Then came 1998 when a British researcher named Andrew Wakefield published a paper in the British medical journal *The Lancet* claiming to link MMR vaccine to autism.

The paper was later refuted and withdrawn by *The Lancet* after an investigation found that Wakefield’s work had been secretly funded by trial lawyers and that some of the data had been faked. Wakefield was stripped of his British medical license based on findings of fraud and that he had subjected some of his test subjects to unnecessary and abusive procedures.

But by that time the media frenzy that surrounded the initial publication of Wakefield’s paper had taken its toll. Anti-vaccine sites proliferated on the Internet and a growing number of parents, alarmed by the claims, chose not to vaccinate their children against diseases like measles. The result is outbreaks such as the one currently being experienced in the U.S.

The problem with foregoing vaccinations is that while most children recover from measles, the disease can in some cases be lethal or lead to lifelong disabilities. That’s why we think stronger leadership from the White House was called for.

We can understand the need for political caution when it comes to statements about taxes or immigration or other such political landmines. But when it comes to public health, our leaders in Washington ought to be willing to take a stand on the side of science. That’s particularly true in the case of the current measles outbreak, which is taking an unnecessary toll on children across the nation.

—The Paducah Sun

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Student Is USAF Nominee

An area student was one of 51 Kentuckians recently nominated to U.S. service academies.

Dustin Barnett of Dawson Springs, a student at Hopkins County Central High School, was nominated to the United States Air Force Academy by Sen. Rand Paul.

"It is an honor to nominate these young women and men from Kentucky to attend America's esteemed service academies," said Paul. "I applaud each of these students, both for their hard work in the classroom and their dedication to our country."

Kynect Deadline Sunday

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percent of the poverty level; Medicaid enrollment is open year-round.)

The penalty is \$325 per person or 2 percent of household income, whichever is greater. "In many cases, this penalty could exceed the annual cost of insurance," the release said, giving these examples using "bronze" plans (the cheapest alternative, which has high deductibles):

A 30-year-old in Lexington making \$20,000 would qualify for a subsidy and pay \$37.44 for a full year of bronze coverage, or pay a \$400 penalty and remain uninsured

A 25-year-old in Louisville making \$40,000 would qualify for a subsidy and pay \$604.08 for a full year of bronze coverage, or pay an \$800 penalty and remain uninsured.

"Not only is insurance important for your physical health, it also makes financial sense," kynect executive director Carrie Banahan said in the release. "Why risk the possibility of being uninsured and facing a costly medical procedure and a tax penalty, especially when you may qualify for financial assistance to defray some of your premium cost? Don't wait. Visit kynect and enroll in healthcare coverage today."

Private insurance on Kynect is subsidized by an advanced premium tax credit. Those who qualified for the credit will receive a 1095-A tax form, which provides information to help fill out Form 8962 as part of their federal tax returns. Individuals with questions about their Form 1095-A can call a special kynect hotline at 1-844-373-2417. More information is available at kynect.ky.gov.

People on Medicaid, Medicare, the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program, catastrophic health insurance or insurance through an employer or other agency do not need Form 1095-A to file their federal taxes.

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Low Vaccination Rates

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published the Kentucky figures in an online database.

Hopkins County's rate is at 99 percent.

The counties under 90 percent and their rate were Bath (89), Boyle (83), Bullitt (88), Christian (89), Harlan (88), Jefferson (86), Laurel (85), Lawrence (88), Lee (80), Nelson (82), Robertson (88), Rowan (86), Taylor (82) and Webster (86). Data from several counties was not available.

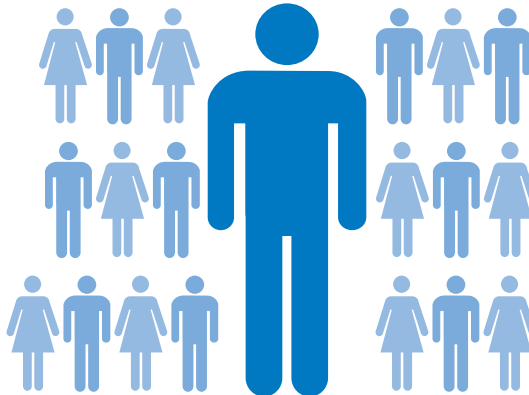
The statewide vaccination rate was 93 percent, pulled down by a rate of 86 percent in Jefferson County, the state's most populous. The lowest rates were 80 percent in Lee County and 82 percent in Nelson and Taylor counties.

Like many states, Kentucky allows parents to exempt their children from required vaccinations for medical or religious reasons. Measles outbreaks in other states have been blamed at least partly on parents who still believe discredited reports that vaccines cause autism or other disorders.

Other area counties and their immunization rates are as follows: Caldwell County, 99 percent; Christian County, 89 percent; Crittenden County, 100 percent; Livingston County, 90 percent; Lyon County, 98 percent; McLean County, 95 percent; Muhlenberg County, 92 percent; Ohio County, 94 percent; Todd County, 97 percent; Trigg County, 99 percent; and Union County, 92 percent.

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EIGHTH graders take part in a pep rally Friday, Feb. 6, at the local gym preceding the homecoming game Saturday afternoon against Frederick Fraize High School.

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HACKERS GAINED ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION

Anthem Breach Threatens Identity

Attorney General Jack Conway and the Office of Consumer Protection are encouraging Kentuckians to take steps to protect their personal information and watch for signs of identity theft following a data breach recently announced by Anthem, one of the nation's largest health insurers.

Anthem has confirmed it was the subject of a "sophisticated, external cyber-attack," and that hackers gained access to the names, Social Security numbers, birthdays, addresses, email and employment information of current and former customers, as well as employees. The company has said the stolen data did not include medical records or credit card numbers.

Conway and the Office of Consumer Protection also recommend the following tips to help prevent identity theft:

- Check your mail. Open letters you receive and look for notifications that you have been affected by a security breach.

- Take advantage of free credit monitoring services Anthem will be offering to breach victims.

- Consider placing a "fraud alert" on credit reports, which alerts businesses that they should verify identity before issuing credit in a consumer's name. It lasts for 90 days, and you can sign up by contacting any one of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax,

1-800-525-6285, www.equifax.com; TransUnion, 1-800-680-7289, www.transunion.com; Experian, 1-888-397-3742, www.experian.com).

- Watch for "phishing" emails from scammers claiming to be from Anthem, a credit card bureau or other legitimate company. A legitimate bank or card provider will never ask for account information by mail or email.

- Be vigilant of phone calls and legitimate-looking websites urging you to give up personal information. Also, never respond to pop-up ads that ask for personal or financial information.

- Monitor credit reports and financial account statements regularly and report suspicious activity to your financial institutions. Free credit reports can be accessed at www.annualcreditreport.com.

- Watch for signs that your identity or credit information has been misused. Some signs include finding new accounts in your name or receiving credit cards that you did not open; receiving an address or account change notice you did not initiate; being denied credit or favorable credit terms for no apparent reason; or you suddenly stop receiving statements from a creditor for no good reason.

Customers affected by the recent data breach will be receiving a letter from Anthem explaining the breach and how to enroll in

the identity theft protection and credit monitoring services.

Customers with questions or concerns about the cyberattack are encouraged to call 1-877-263-7995 or visit www.anthemfacts.com. For information on preventing identity theft or to report suspicious activity, contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338 or the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-888-432-9257.

The identity theft toolkit is available at ag.ky.gov/idtheft.

The Better Business Bureau also offers tips to help consumers protect themselves from a data breach:

- Monitor accounts regularly. Check every charge on your statements. Scammers often test cards with smaller charges before racking up large bills. Confirm each charge on your account line by line.

- Call the bank. Tell them you were a customer at the breached institution.

- Sign up for alerts. Most banks allow customers to set email or text alerts for transactions over a set value. Notifications make it easier to keep tabs on your account.

- Get a security freeze. A freeze will put your information on lockdown, meaning the credit bureaus can't give it out without your permission.

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Winters	0	0	2	0
Orten	3	0	2	6
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Hendrix	2	0	1	4
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TOTALS	16	3	25	36

Warning for No. 1 Wildcats: Once upon a time there was Phi Slama Jama

Kentucky: Number one in America unplugged, kinda, sorta.
Karl-Anthony Towns logged 31 warrior minutes at Florida ...Willie Cauley-Stein threw down a Wow 'Em dunk (counted two points) ... Aaron Harrison swished a pair of clutch shots from distance to scuttle a rally ... and the Wildcats made 21 of 22 free throws. Good stuff, right? Good *individual* stuff.

It's February and spectacularly gifted and deep rostered Kentucky still looks too much like a Phi Slama Jama with coach (Guy Lewis) screaming in their faces.

Florida, an ordinary team, showed up well prepared for its Super Bowl day and kept the score close with a flurry of weakly-contested lay-ups, which laid bare UK's fundamentally poor weak-side help defense (two blocked shots).

Of Florida's 49 shots the Gators created 21 clear looks from outside. Fortunate for UK, they missed 15. For the game, the Gators shot a gaudy 49 percent.

It's February and Kentucky still sledge hammers opponents with vastly superior talent, depth and platoon at a time when adjectives for a 23-0 team ought be "grrrrreat team defense," poise, rhythm and flow.

When a television analyst tells viewers, "Kentucky does pretty much what it has to do to win," (ESPN's Jay Bilas) it is not compliment but a warning and reminder for high expectation Big Blue Nation, "Hey haven't we seen this movie before?"

History reminds us of high-powered titans past ...

✓ **In 1966 Kentucky** was No. 1 by this time of year and headed for a Final Four show down with No. 2 Duke. Then came Texas Western and that moment when a sports writer who had just covered the 'all-white' UK-Duke game, leaned and whispered to fellow sitting next to him, "Hey, didja notice Kentucky is all white and old Don Haskins has five black guys out there?"

✓ **1983 Houston's** much-heralded Phi Slama Jama used what was called "a frenetic, playground-influenced style of basketball," to build a 26-game win streak all the way to the NCAA title game where



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Sports in Kentucky

they became ordinary cougars again, scoring 52 points in a stunning loss to North Carolina State.

✓ **In 1991, Nevada-Las Vegas** was 34-0 and defending national champion going to the Final Four. Duke shocked Jerry Tarkanian's Runnin' Rebels in the semifinals.

Fates of Rupp's Runts, Houston and UNLV are fair warning. Given time of year, this Wildcat conglomerate ought be more complete.

Things to watch, maybe these:
✓ How many players are engaged during timeouts?

At Florida Dakari Johnson played nine minutes (one shot, two turnovers) then sat glum on the bench, seemingly disconnected.

✓ Huddle time and timeouts. What wear-on-the-psyche signs show on player faces after having had a middle-aged man scream into them every day for five months?

✓ Trey Lyles, a no-show for three games. Could diagnosis of his mystery illness reveal a case of disgruntlement caused by playing time and place in the platoon pecking order?

✓ Finally, how much a distraction these days the ever looming presence of scouts for the NBA Draft?

Second week in February ... No. 1 looks kinda, sorta unplugged.

Forbes column on Calipari

In a column for Forbes Magazine Feb. 7, Roger Groves, Professor of Law and Director of the Business Law Program at Florida Coastal School of Law, weighed in on John Calipari.

First, let's hope Groves keeps his day job.

Second, copy editors at Forbes should be reprimanded for letting this column's errors, and misspelling, get through. Jay Bilas' name is not spelled Bilias.

Third, does using Groves' piece, demonstrate a Forbes Magazine desperation for an opinion piece?

Headline: *Why They Hate John Calipari Outside of Kentucky* is (hate) gimmick without merit.

"What else does Calipari have to do to gain the

admiration of the basketball public?" Groves howls righteously. "The apparent answer: Stop recruiting one-and-done athletes."

Groves goes on to manipulate, inject racism and affirmative action into his weakly researched mix. You can read the column for yourself: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/rogergroves/2015/02/07/why-they-hate-john-calipari-outside-of-kentucky/>

Meanwhile, the Forbes headline goes too far. If anyone hates John Calipari, let's see his/her name on the record.

Like you, I love the wins, a winning team (when it plays like one), and seeing the word *Kentucky* in good light news instead of ISIS.

My oppositions to Calipari have not changed ...

✓ Things Calipari did to get to Kentucky NCAA copped out and no teevee analyst wants to risk a career discussing, preferring instead the Jay Bilas approach: Kiss-up. "Calipari will be in the Hall of Fame." Maybe.

✓ Unchanging: A college coach with priority to enrich a few young men ahead of educating (all) of those entrusted to him, is exploitation.

Back to Roger Groves' last paragraph. "So while Calipari is perceived as the embodiment of the wrong-headedness of college sports to be pros not students, the fact remains he is among the best at what he is paid to do, and those perceptions are not reality in this instance."

Comment: Perfect straight line from sublime to the ridiculous.

Dean Smith

1983. I was in Chapel Hill for a week-long sports editors seminar: Guest at one afternoon session was Dean Smith. At Q&A time, I asked the Carolina coach if his four-corner stall strategy in a 79-72 win over Kentucky NCAA tournament, March 19, 1977, was instrumental in the NCAA putting the shot clock into college hoops?

Smith looked left and right, looked this way again, grinned and said, "You must be from Kentucky."

Everyone laughed. Almost.

And so it goes.

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Five ways to save money for spring

By **LEE McCLELLAN**
Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Although the price of a gallon of gas is lower than at any time in recent memory, not many folks have extra money to burn.

This is especially true for non-essential things such as fishing reels, shotguns, hunting clothing or fishing waders. Adult commitments such as your mortgage must be paid before any money goes toward a new spinning reel. Obtaining quality hunting and fishing gear inexpensively is a useful skill for outdoors enthusiasts to learn.

Here are five ways to save money on gear for the upcoming spring fishing and turkey hunting seasons.

1. Hit the clearance sales to upgrade fishing equipment: February is the best month to buy new fishing equipment, especially if you want to upgrade to a higher quality rod, reel or finally retire the shop worn waders you've patched 10 times.

Manufacturers debut their new models at this time of year. The large catalog outfitters and the sporting goods section of department stores often offer significant discounts on older models of rods and reels to clear space for the new. This is especially true with fishing reels.

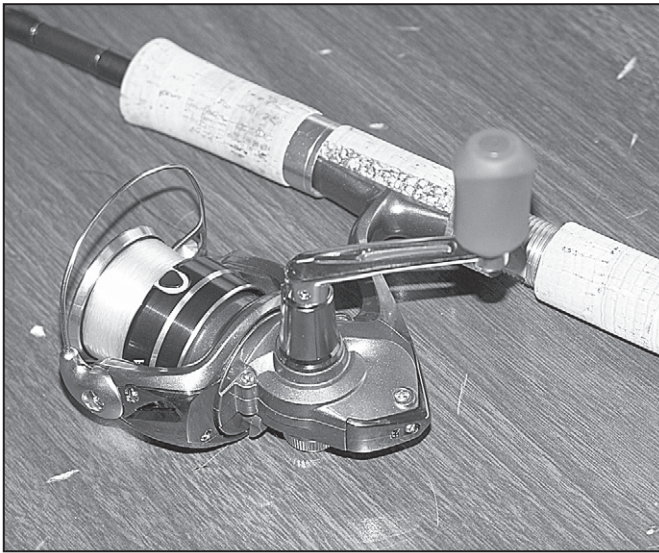
These discounted reels or rods are still new and were the cutting edge a year or two ago. Model changes are often cosmetic and the performance afield is exactly the same from older model to new.

If you are still wading with hot, sticky and leaky neoprene or coated canvas waders, February is the time to upgrade to breathable waders. New fishing catalogs from outfitters are now arriving in mailboxes around the country. Their websites often contain close-out prices on older iterations of breathable fishing waders. This is a great time to get comfortable, breathable waders at attractive prices.

2. Hit the clearance sales to upgrade hunting clothing: After the waterfowl seasons close in late January, department stores and the big retail/catalog outfitters often place cold weather hunting gear on clearance, where savings can be 40 percent or more off the price the previous fall. This is an especially good time to save on waterfowl hunting clothing or coveralls and jacket/bib combinations for deer hunting, both of which aren't cheap. They often clearance leftover lighter weight camouflage shirts and pants as well, perfect gear for the coming spring turkey season.

3. Inquire with friends and relatives about buying their old outdoor gear: As you progress in the outdoor

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February is a great time to shop for new gear for spring fishing and the spring turkey season as major outfitters and department stores offer clearance and closeout sales. It is an especially beneficial time to upgrade fishing gear as last year's models are often at clearance prices.

arts, it is normal to upgrade to newer gear every few years as financial circumstances allow. This leaves outdoors enthusiasts with a conundrum: their older gear is too nice to throw away or donate, but they don't use it anymore. They may gladly sell this gear reasonably to a friend or relative and be thankful it will be used and appreciated by someone they know. In the case of outdoor clothing, it may be given to you.

4. Clean and lube a spinning reel to make it new again: If a spinning reel feels like it is slowly filling with sawdust or develops an annoying catch on the retrieve, it is likely not completely shot and needs replacing, but just dirty and starved for lubrication. Old grease and oil attracts dirt and grit over time. This gunk builds up and impacts the reel's performance.

Remove the reel spool and wipe down the spool shaft and apply a light coat of reel oil. Oil the roller bearing on the bail that lays line on the spool. Remove the handle and the screws that hold the side plate (some reels have a decorative plate that covers one of the side plate screws). Gently pry open the side plate. You'll see the main gear in the middle with a roller

bearing on top of it. Remove the roller bearing and drop it in rubbing alcohol to dissolve old oil, grease and accumulated crud. Clean the main gear; the drive gear in front of the reel and the worm gear along the bottom with an old tooth brush and hot soapy water. After drying, apply a light coat of reel grease to the gears and apply a few drops of reel oil to the roller bearing. Reassemble the reel and it should sing like new.

5. Buy a used pump shotgun for spring turkey hunting: A turkey hunting shotgun is a utility gun, not a pretty over-and-under for wing or trap shooting. Gun stores often have used pump shotguns for \$150 or less. A friend or relative who's hunted for years often has an old pump they would let go of at little cost. Online auction sites have used pumps for bargain prices as well. As long as it functions, the appearance matters little since the first step is covering the gun with camouflaged tape, making sure not to interfere with its action in the process. At this price, you can afford to add a red or green rear bead sight. Now, you have an affordable and perfectly functional turkey hunting shotgun. A 12-gauge that can chamber 3-inch magnum shells is best.

Use these tips to save much needed cash in getting the outdoor gear you need. The warm winds of spring are just around the corner.

Author Lee McClellan is a nationally award-winning associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine.

KDFWR investigates dead birds on Calloway road

By **JOHN WRIGHT**
Murray Ledger & Times

Travelers and residents along Murray Paris Road were greeted with an ugly sight Thursday morning south of Murray.

Between 65 and 75 carcasses of dead game birds, reportedly snow or blue geese, were found strewn over about a two-mile stretch of the highway between KY 121 and Tobacco Road, reportedly providing an unpleasant portion of the morning's commute for both adults headed to work, as well as school children on buses. Both the Calloway County Sheriff's Office and the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources reported receiving several calls in regards to the matter.

"What happened, as far as how the birds died, was not illegal. These birds are in season right now, so it wasn't poaching," said KDFWR conservation officer Scott Barrow. "The problem was the manner chosen for disposing these birds and at the least, whoever did this would be charged with criminal littering, based on the volume involved, but that also could carry a federal charge for wanton waste.

"What this does more than anything, though, is it gives a black eye to anyone who hunts or fishes in this area. This makes everyone look bad."

Barrow said he became aware of the carcasses Wednesday night when Kentucky State Police dispatched him after KSP was notified of the matter by

CCSO after 8. He said he believes a passerby first noticed the mass of dead birds and made a cell phone call to CCSO.

Upon arriving at the scene Wednesday night, Barrow said he was able to determine that the birds had been shot, but it was not known where this had happened. He said the shootings could have happened at a place like Kentucky Lake or in a nearby field. He added that it seems unlikely the birds were killed after dark.

"I can't see a landowner doing that," said KDFWR Sgt. Garry Clark, who is the agency's public information officer for District 1, which covers Kentucky's 14 westernmost counties. "There's a few possibilities with this, though, including some people thinking it was a fun thing to just throw the birds out of their cars as they're going down the highway. You never know with something like this.

"The problem, though, comes back to how whoever did this got rid of them. That's no way to dispose of them, especially when you're talking about what everyone had to see (Thursday) morning. That's just not a good thing there."

By Thursday afternoon, only a few carcasses remained. Most of them were removed that morning by personnel from the Calloway County Road Department.

KDFWR is asking anyone with information on this case to call 1-800-25ALERT or call KSP's toll-free at 1-800-222-5555.

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INSIDE COLLEGE BASKETBALL

A WEEKLY SPIN AROUND THE WORLD OF COLLEGE HOOPS

» DUKE BACK ON TRACK

» OKLAHOMA STATE SURGING

» CAUSE FOR CONCERN AT ARIZONA?

» D'ANGELO RUSSELL DOMINATING

THE 10 MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1. KENTUCKY KEEPS FINDING WAYS TO WIN

Winning conference road games is tough, and we're sure Kentucky's not going to get enough credit for answering the call each game in an otherwise mediocre SEC. The Wildcats' 68-61 win at Florida is a perfect example of why Kentucky remains undefeated. Andrew Harrison was a non-factor (no field goals, three turnovers), and the Wildcats shot 3-of-14 from 3-point range. Still, Kentucky won because it was 21-of-22 from the free throw line while Florida went 7-of-14. Karl-Anthony Towns played his best game of the season with 19 points and eight rebounds, and Aaron Harrison rebounded from a one-point game against Georgia to score 23 against the Gators. We've known this for a while, but taking out Kentucky is going to take an outstanding effort from a darn good team.

2. DUKE LOOKS SCARY GOOD

Time to stop worrying about what's wrong with Duke and try to figure out how anyone is going to slow down the Blue Devils. On Jan. 28, Notre Dame beat Duke 77-73 in South Bend for the Blue Devils' third loss of the season. Duke hasn't been defeated since. The rematch against the top-10 Irish was a thorough 90-60 beatdown. Notre Dame took a 6-0 lead, and from there, Duke went on a 43-7 run during the first half. This came with Jahlil Okafor playing only eight minutes in the first half due to foul trouble. Meanwhile, Justise Winslow continued his hot streak, flourishing in transition for 19 points. Guard Matt Jones obliterated his career high with 17 points (3-of-5 from 3) off the bench. And when Okafor was in the game he simply went 9-of-11 from the field for 20 points with 10 rebounds in 23 minutes. Quite the statement for Duke.

3. CAVS NEEDS TO ADJUST WITHOUT JUSTIN ANDERSON

On the court Saturday, Virginia played yet another stifling game against a quality opponent. The Cavaliers defeated Louisville 52-47, holding the Cardinals to 13 points in the first half and 0.85 points per possession overall. The rub, though, is pending hand surgery for Justin Anderson, arguably the team's most important player. The injury may sideline him for 4-6 weeks — through the first week of March or into the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament. The Cavs face only three KenPom top 100 teams (North Carolina, Pittsburgh, Syracuse) before the finale against Louisville, but Anderson's absence will be a key speed bump for a team that's had trouble closing out games in recent weeks.

4. OKLAHOMA STATE MAKES A MAJOR STATEMENT

Oklahoma State is quietly picking up quality wins in the toughest league in the nation. On Saturday, the Cowboys defeated Kansas 67-62, giving the Pokes a key win for their NCAA Tournament résumé. O-State is now 6-5 in the Big 12 after winning three of its last four games. Kansas did not have a great game, turning the ball over 18 times, but the key for Oklahoma State has been the emergence of secondary scorers. For most of the season, the Pokes could count on only Le'Bryan Nash and Phil Forte to produce. That's changed. Four Cowboys scored in double figures against KU. Point guard Anthony Hickey is averaging 12 points over the last four games.

5. ANOTHER RED FLAG FOR ARIZONA?

On first glance, Arizona's 81-78 loss to Oklahoma State shouldn't be a major warning sign. The season is long, and this was a road game against a capable rival. The Sun Devils got hot from 3 (7-of-15) and were able to pull off the upset. But this is also the third loss of the season for Arizona against a team that won't be in the NCAA Tournament. The other two were to UNLV and Oregon State, both on the road. Arizona may still be a title contender, but these losses may cost the Wildcats a No. 1 seed.

6. VILLANOVA EXACTS REVENGE

Okay, Villanova, we're believers again. On Saturday, the Wildcats made a statement in their rematch against Georgetown — a team that beat the Cats by 20 points in January — defeating the Hoyas 69-53 on the strength of an elite defensive effort. Georgetown averaged 1.18 points per possession and shot 51.1 percent from the field in the first meeting. In the second game, Villanova held Georgetown to 0.79 points per possession and 30 percent shooting from the field, including 1-of-17 from 3-point range.

7. TIME TO START BUYING BAYLOR

There are plenty of Baylor — and Scott Drew — skeptics out there. Some of that is earned, for sure. Dare we say this is a year to start buying the Bears? Baylor demolished West Virginia 87-69 on the road for its fourth win in the

PRIME TIME PLAYERS

Rico Gathers powered his way to a double-double (17 points, 16 rebounds) in Baylor's surprisingly easy 87-69 win at West Virginia. ... St. John's rolled past Creighton, 84-66, thanks to big games from **D'Angelo Harrison** (21 points, 10 rebounds) and **Rysheed Jordan** (25 points, six rebounds). ... **Jahlil Okafor** grabbed the headlines — and deservedly so after scoring 20 points in 23 minutes — but fellow freshman **Justise Winslow** also played well (19 points, 11 boards) in Duke's impressive 90-60 win over Notre Dame. ... Xavier point guard **Dee Davis** did not make a field goal on Saturday, but he impacted the game with 15 assists in the Musketeers' 78-69 win over Providence. ... **Marcus Posley** banked in a 6-foot jumper at the buzzer to give St Bonaventure a 73-71

win over short-handed VCU. Posley scored 15 points for the Bonnies. ... **Bobby Portis** scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Arkansas to a 61-41 win over Mississippi State. ... **Cameron Payne** and **T.J. Sapp** both scored 27 points in Murray State's 82-72 win at Austin Peay. ... Gonzaga struggled a bit but pulled away in the second half behind another fine performance from **Kyle Wiltjer**. The former Kentucky Wildcat scored 29 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the Zags' 81-70 win at San Francisco. ... Senior **Bo Barnes** came off the bench and led Arizona State with 18 points in the Sun Devils' 81-78 upset win over rival Arizona. ... Oregon's Joseph Young filled up the box score with 29 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists in the Ducks' 95-72 win over Washington State. ... Rhode Island guard **E.C. Matthews** scored 26 points in the Rams' key 79-74 win at Richmond.

Jordan Mickey, LSU

His team has been a bit of a disappointment, but Mickey has been terrific of late for the Tigers. The sophomore forward scored 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in LSU's 71-60 win over Alabama. In his last three games, Mickey is averaging 24.0 points and 14.6 rebounds while shooting 60.5 percent from the field. For the season, the Dallas native is averaging 17.0 points and 11.0 boards.



Freshman Karl-Anthony Towns and the Wildcats survived a scare at Florida but remain unbeaten after posting a 68-61 win.

ATHLON SPORTS TOP 25

1. Kentucky (23-0)
2. Virginia (21-1)
3. Duke (20-3)
4. Gonzaga (24-1)
5. Wisconsin (20-3)
6. Villanova (21-2)
7. Arizona (20-3)
8. Utah (18-4)
9. Kansas (18-3)
10. Louisville (21-2)
11. Notre Dame (21-4)
12. North Carolina (18-6)
13. Baylor (18-5)
14. Iowa State (17-5)
15. Northern Iowa (20-2)
16. Oklahoma (16-7)
17. Wichita State (21-3)
18. Oklahoma State (16-7)
19. Arkansas (18-5)
20. Ohio State (17-6)
21. Indiana (17-7)
22. Ole Miss (16-7)
23. Butler (18-6)
24. Iowa (15-8)
25. Maryland (19-5)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH

1. Jahlil Okafor, Duke Okafor was dominant (20 points, 10 rebounds) in Duke's 30-point win over Notre Dame. The freshman has scored in double figures in every game this season.

2. Frank Kaminsky, Wisconsin Kaminsky chipped in 12 points and seven rebounds in the Badgers' blowout win at Northwestern. The senior big man is averaging 17.5 points and 8.1 rebounds.

3. D'Angelo Russell, Ohio State Russell is arguably the most exciting player to watch in college basketball. The freshman guard recorded a triple-double (23 points, 11 rebounds, 11 assists) in the Buckeyes' 79-60 win at Rutgers on Sunday.

4. Jerian Grant, Notre Dame Grant was a no-show in the Irish's 30-point loss at Duke, scoring only seven points while shooting 3-of-10 from the field. He is averaging 16.8 points and 2.9 assists.

5. Delon Wright, Utah Wright averaged 10.0 points, 6.0 rebounds and 3.5 assists as Utah swept a pair of road games at USC and Colorado last week.

Towns: Harrison McClary, Athlon Sports;
Mickey: Brett Duke/The Times-Picayune /Landov

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Dawson Springs youth basketball action

Photos by Mike Howton



ETHAN JONES goes for a goal while crowded by opponents (from left) Logan McKnight, Mattie Fain, Angel Mendoza and his teammate Jake Back.



TRENTON SHUCK eyes the basket as he prepares to take a shot in his game Saturday, Jan. 31.



JAYDON PLUNKETTE puts up a shot during the Saturday, Jan. 31, game.



PRESTEN ALFRED drives to the basket during youth basketball league action at Panther gym Saturday, Feb. 7.



GAGE SMILEY looks at the goal during action Saturday, Jan. 31, at Panther gym.

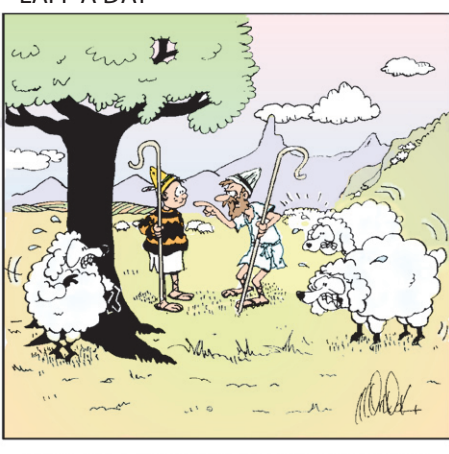


ALEX MITCHELL heads for the basket with Kolby Crook in hot pursuit during youth basketball league action Saturday, Jan. 31.



NATALEE OLDHAM gives close attention to the goal as she prepares to take a shot Saturday, Feb. 7, at Panther gym.

L A F F A DAY



“Rule No. 1 to being a good shepherd: Keep the sheep calm. Rule No. 2: *Never wear a wool sweater to work!*”



Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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Just Like Cats & Dogs



TRIVIA TEST

- name of neighbors Ethel and Fred on the “I Love Lucy” show?

10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In what century was tea introduced to Europe?

Answers

1. A hare
2. Dr. Christiaan Barnard, 1967
3. Spain
4. The pula
5. Jupiter
6. Antihistamine to treat allergies
7. Anne Boleyn
8. Vulcan
9. Mertz
10. Early 17th century

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To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

Why Saturated Fats Are Unhealthy

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a question about hydrogenated and partially hydrogenated fats. What is the difference? Nutritionists tell us to look out for partially hydrogenated, but never mention the other one. Seems to me both would be bad for you. -- D.D.F.

ANSWER: You are quite right. There are four kinds of fat. Two are healthier – monounsaturated and polyunsaturated, and these are found in healthy oils, like olive oil and canola oil. Two fats are unhealthy – trans-saturated, also called partially hydrogenated, and saturated, which is fully hydrogenated but isn't ever really called that.

Trans-saturated fat is not healthy. Food companies make it by adding hydrogen to vegetable oil at high temperature. The chemical bonds are “trans,” which are not normally found in nature. The process makes the fat more solid at room temperature. It isn’t much of an exaggeration to call trans fat toxic, since even modest amounts increase risk for heart disease from blockage of the arteries. I recommend as little trans fat in the diet as possible – preferably none.

Saturated fat isn't healthy either, but it isn't as bad for you as trans fat. There are two major kinds of saturated fat: Those that come from animal products (butter, red meat), and those from tropical sources, like palm and coconut. Most experts think tropical saturated fats are not as unhealthy as those found in animal products. Nonetheless, I recommend keeping saturated fat intake low. The American Heart Association recommends less than 16 grams for a person on a 2,000-calorie-a-day diet.

DEAR DR. ROACH: In your column on atrial fibrillation, you did not address a procedure that can be done to cure the condition rather than taking medication. Could you discuss this, and whether medication

would be necessary afterward? – C.G.

ANSWER: Atrial fibrillation is a chaotic lack of rhythm in the heart muscle, caused by abnormal electrical impulses. The goal when treating atrial fibrillation is to reduce the risk of stroke and minimize symptoms.

One new approach to treatment is radiofrequency ablation -- that is, using radio waves sent through a small tube placed directly into the heart through a leg or arm vein. The high-powered radio waves can destroy the cells causing the atrial fibrillation, or can isolate those areas from the rest of the heart. A surgeon can do a "maze" procedure to prevent the abnormal impulses from affecting the entire heart.

It isn't clear yet who benefits most from these kinds of procedures, but early studies have suggested better outcomes and a good chance for cure, although sometimes it takes several procedures. There are potentially serious complications, so it should be done only in centers with extensive experience. It is a good choice for people who experience symptoms and can't take medications or for whom medicines failed.

READERS: The booklet on heart attacks, America's No. 1 killer; explains what happens, how they are treated and how they are avoided. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach - No. 102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com.

ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

Weekly SUDOKU

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Statistics Show Drop In Breast Cancer Deaths

By Laura Ungar
The Courier-Journal

Breast cancer deaths have dropped dramatically in the past two decades — the result of better treatment, greater awareness and more women getting mammograms.

The latest government statistics show deaths declined 34 percent between 1990 and 2011, from 33 to 22 per 100,000 women, and experts expect the downward trend has continued in the four years since. The American Cancer Society says this translates into more than 200,000 deaths averted.

Dr. Donald Miller, director of the James Graham Brown Cancer Center in Louisville, calls the decline “amazing.”

“Our understanding of the genetics of breast cancer has expanded, and ... as we understand more about the genetics involved, treatments will get much more personalized,” he said.

Megan Schanie is among the growing ranks of survivors. After a breast cancer diagnosis in 2006, Schanie feared she might not live to see her two children grow up. But on Feb. 1, she celebrated her youngest daughter’s 10th birthday.

“It’s fantastic,” says Schanie, 39, who helped start a support group for young breast cancer survivors in her hometown of Louisville. “Even in my own little world, I’ve noticed that we have so many in our group who are surviving.”

Otis Brawley, chief medical officer for the cancer society, says the biggest reason is that treatments have improved, with new medicines such as targeted chemotherapy and the estrogen blocker Tamoxifen.

Meanwhile, Brawley says, awareness of the disease has risen steadily, and women now go to their doctors when something seems awry. Mammogram screenings are the third-most-important reason for the decline in deaths, he says; mammography rates among U.S. women 40 and older have risen from 29 percent in 1987 to 67 percent in the 2005-10 period.

“In the 1990s, there was this huge push to screen

women with mammography, to reach women who didn’t have access,” says Thomas Tucker, director of the Kentucky Cancer Registry.

Cancer society statistics show mammography rates have leveled off in recent years, dropping slightly from 70 percent in 2000. Complicating matters, there are currently two different, high-profile recommendations regarding mammograms: The cancer society endorses yearly screening starting at age 40, while the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force advises screening every two years for women ages 50-74.

Breast cancer experts say they aren’t sure how these conflicting recommendations will affect death rates. But they expect continuing advances in breast cancer treatment. Susan Brown, managing director of health and mission program education for Susan G. Komen, the breast cancer organization, says there’s a trend toward more targeted, individualized therapies as scientists learn more about the biology of tumors. And treatments will get only more personalized in the future, she says.

Schanie says she appreciates such advances. She’s also glad breast cancer is no longer shrouded in secrecy as it was in decades past, and that women are paying more attention to their bodies than ever before. In her case, she woke one morning to find her right breast swollen, with a hardened area, and a biopsy confirmed cancer. She had a double mastectomy and chemotherapy and later took Tamoxifen pills and underwent breast reconstruction. She’s had no signs of cancer since.

Brawley says the breast cancer death rate may not keep dropping as quickly as it has, partly because some of the most difficult-to-treat types of cancer remain. Still, he says, “I’m very hopeful we’ll continue to have a decline.”

Brown says women should view the long-term, downward trend “optimistically and with hope from the day they hear, ‘You have breast cancer.’ ”



FORREST WINTERS AND SARAH BUTERO
Will marry at the Gospel Assembly Church

Sarah Butero Will Marry Forrest Winters In August

Sarah Butero and Forrest Winters of Dawson Springs announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Gina Early of St. Louis, Mo., and Traci Butero of Madisonville. She is a 2013 graduate of Abeka Academy Home-school and is enrolled at Madisonville Community College, seeking a degree in Early Childhood Education. She is employed at Sherwin Williams.

The prospective groom

is the son of Bobby and Tamera Winters of Dawson Springs. He is a 2012 graduate of Dawson Springs High School and a 2014 graduate of Madisonville Community College with an associate degree in applied science. He is employed as a medical laboratory technician at Jennie Stuart Medical Center.

The wedding will take place at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 1, 2015, at Gospel Assembly Church in Dawson Springs. Invitations are being sent.

Scholarship Applications Being Accepted At MCC

Applications are being accepted for more than 22 scholarship opportunities available through Madisonville Community College. The complete listing of available scholarships, the MCC scholarship application form and other submission guidelines can be found at madisonville.kctcs.edu — select Cost & Aid, then click on Scholarship Opportunities. Scholarship application forms are also available from the MCC Financial Aid Office and from local high school guidance offices.

March 15 is the priority deadline; however, scholarship application packets are accepted throughout the year and retained on file for one academic year. Scholarships are awarded at various times during the year. Students are encouraged to submit a completed scholarship application even if they have missed the March 15 priority deadline.

Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is required each year to be eligible for an MCC scholarship. The FAFSA can be completed at fafsa.gov

and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. It will also show if qualifications have been met for other types of financial aid.

Students selected for scholarships will receive notice from MCC’s financial aid office of the award and the amount. Award amounts vary annually. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year and are renewable for a second year if the student maintains eligibility and completes a new scholarship application.

To assist with the FAFSA and scholarship application completion process, MCC will offer a FAFSA/scholarship workshop March 10 beginning at 6 p.m. in rooms 214 and 248 in the John H. Gray building. For new and returning MCC students, the workshop will cover completing the 2015-2016 FAFSA, completing the MCC scholarship application, learning about available scholarships, writing the scholarship essay, requesting a scholarship letter of recommendation, work study program, admission process and programs offered.

Alzheimer’s Advocacy Group Will Lobby At State Capitol

The Alzheimer’s Association invites the public to join them as they gather at the Capitol in Frankfort on Tuesday, dressed in purple, to show elected officials just how many Kentuckians are impacted by Alzheimer’s disease.

Constituents will meet with legislators and build awareness of Alzheimer’s disease as well as promote the care and

support needs of those living with the disease and their caregivers.

During the event, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., attendees will share their personal perspectives on how Alzheimer’s has affected them and what must be done.

For registration or information, phone 1-800-272-3900 or go to infokyn@alz.org.



CELEBRATING 100 days of school in Holly Peters’ kindergarten class at Dawson Springs Elementary School Wednesday, Jan. 28, are (from left, above) Colton Grable, Addison Pleasant and Braydon Pleasant, (below) T.J. Shaw, Collin Bourland and David Abbott.

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SUPERINTENDENT Lenny Whalen presents the monthly high school fine arts award to Ellie Blake at the Monday, Jan. 26, board of education meeting.

E-Cigarette Poll Results Show Kentuckian’s Views

The latest Kentucky Health Issues Poll shows e-cigarette use is most prevalent among younger Kentuckians while the majority of Kentucky adults favor taxing and regulating e-cigarettes. The poll was conducted by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and the Cincinnati-based Interact for Health nonprofit.

“Last year, Kentucky became one of dozens of states to prohibit the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors,” said Susan Zepeda, president/CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

KHIP highlights include:

•Overall 24 percent of Kentucky adults reported ever using an electronic cigarette.

•Men were more likely than women to have used an e-cigarette.

•Sixty-one percent said the FDA should regulate the sale and marketing of e-cigarettes.

•Fifty-three percent said they favor an excise tax on e-cigarettes at a rate similar to traditional cigarettes.

•The majority of self-identified Independents (58 percent), Republicans (55 percent) and Democrats (55 percent) in all regions of Kentucky favor an excise tax on e-cigarettes to go along with the already required sales tax.

KHIP data reveal 41 percent of Kentucky adults between 18 and 29 reported they have used e-cigarettes; 33 percent between the ages of 30 and 45 have tried them; only 20 percent between 45 and 64 and 11 percent age 65 and older have used e-cigarettes.

The poll was conducted Oct. 8 through Nov. 6. A random sample of 1,597 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone, including land lines and cell phones.



MILES HOARD arranges cups in a fun activity Thursday, Jan. 15, during the children’s storyhour session at the local library, as older brother Cohl looks on.

Local Residents Graduate In December At WKU

Two Dawson Springs High School graduates were among those receiving degrees from Western Kentucky Uni-

versity in December 2014.

Sheldon L. Dearing and Dane J. Tosh earned Bachelor of Arts degrees.

Grandparent Support Group To Meet In Hopkinsville

The Pennyriple Grandparent Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 18 at the Pennyriple Area Development District, 300 Hammond Drive in

Hopkinsville.

For additional information, contact Miranda Hunt at 270-886-9484 or Miranda.Hunt@ky.gov.

Homemaker Club To Meet

The Pennyriple Homemakers will meet at 10 a.m. Friday. Members are

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